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BLINDER ORDER OF BATTLE
GOMEL/PRIBYTKI AIRFIELD & ZHITOMIR/SKOMOROKHI
AIRFIELD, USSR

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

HIGHEST COMBINED TOTAL OF TU-22 (BLINDER)

AIRCRAFT SEEN ON A SINGLE KH MISSION: 70

BLINDER AT FOUR AIRFIELDS (SEE ALSO

[redacted] THIS IS THE FIRST BLINDER

OBSERVATION AT ZHITOMIR/SKOMOROKHI.

2. REMARKS:

BLINDER (TU-22) WAS FIRST DISPLAYED IN THE 1961 TUSHINO AIR SHOW AS A FOLLOW-ON AIRCRAFT TO THE BADGER (TU-16). THERE ARE TWO VERSIONS OF THE TU-22, BOTH TWIN ENGINE TURBOJET AIRCRAFT HAVING SUPERSONIC CAPABILITY: THE BLINDER "A", A CONVENTIONAL BOMBER AND THE BLINDER "B" WHICH IS FITTED WITH ONE AS-4 KITCHEN ASM. THE TU-22 HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO BOTH THE LONG RANGE AIR ARMY AND THE SOVIET NAVAL AIR FORCE.

3. LOCATION:

GOMEL/PRIBYTKI AIRFIELD: 9 NM SE OF GOMEL.

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ZHITOMIR/SKOMOROKHI AIRFIELD: 6.5 NM SSE

OF ZHITOMIR.

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5. FIRST IDENTIFICATION: GOMEL/PRIBYTKI AIRFIELD: [redacted]
ZHITOMIR/SKOMOROKHI AIRFIELD: [redacted]

6. NEGATION DATE: NONE

7. SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE: GOMEL/PRIBYTKI AIRFIELD 24 KH-4 AND 3 KH-7
MISSIONS.
ZHITOMIR/SKOMOROKHI AIRFIELD: 22 KH-4 MISSIONS.

8. DIMENSIONS /
SPECIFICATIONS: GOMEL/PRIBYTKI: 9600 FT ENE/WSW CONCRETE RUNWAY

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ZHITOMIR/SKOMOROKHI: 9660 FT NW/SE CONCRETE RUNWAY

TU-22 BLINDER: LENGTH 80 FT

WINGSPAN: 110 FT

GROSS WEIGHT: 185,000 LBS

MAXIMUM SPEED: 975 KTS.

COMBAT CEILING: 48,000 FT

RANGE UNREFUELED: 2,850 NM

RANGE WITH ONE REFUELING

(BLINDER B ONLY): 3,300 NM.

9. MISSION READOUT: GOMEL/PRIBYTKI AIRFIELD: THIS MISSION

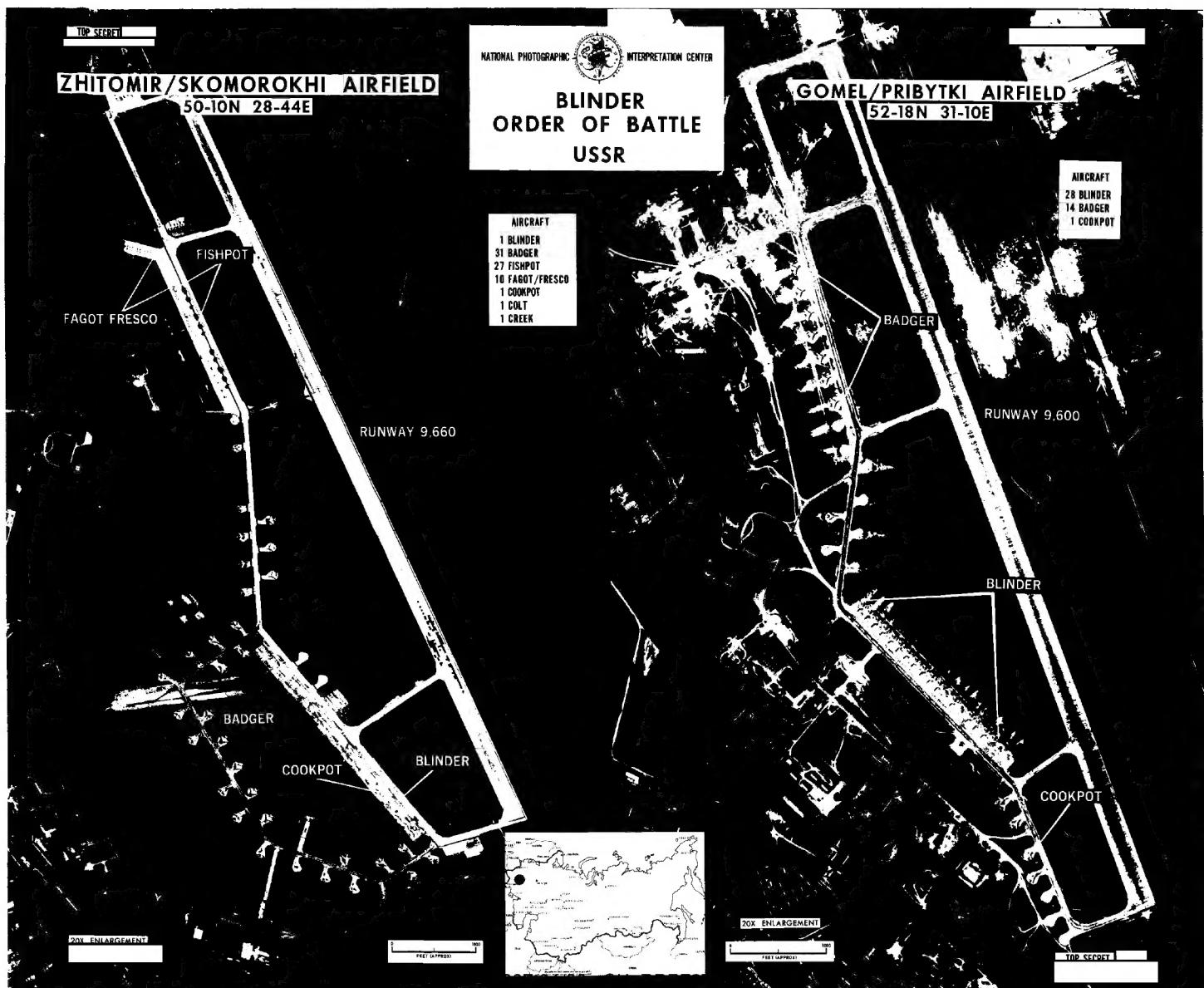
REVEALS 28 BLINDER, 14 BADGER, AND 1 COOKPOT.

ZHITOMIR/SKOMOROKHI AIRFIELD: THIS MISSION REVEALS 1 BLINDER, 31 BADGER, 27 FISHPOT, 10 FAGOT/FRESCO, 1 COOKPOT, 1 COLT, AND 1 CREEK.

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